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E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: TECH, IN  
SUBJ: TARAPUR FUEL STORAGE STUDY

REF: A. STATE 159021 B. STATE 159019

1. THIS AFTERNOON (JULY 9) I GAVE APA CHAIRMAN 'C. SHAH  
A COPY OF REF A AND ALSO ORALLY CONVEYED THE SUBSTANCE OF REF  
B.

2. SHAH SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY PASS REF A TO HIS TARAPUR  
STAFF FOR STUDY AND COMMENT. HOWEVER, HE DOUBTED THAT, THIS  
BEING SATURDAY AFTERNOON, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE ANY  
DEFINITIVE COMMENTS UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY LATE  
TUESDAY OR ON WEDNDAY.

3. SHAH'S OWN INITIAL REACTION ON FIRST READING WAS ESSENTIALLY  
NEGATIVE ON BOTH THE GE PROPRIETARY ASPECTS AND THE NEED FOR TWO  
PARTICULAR GE EXPERTS. HE SAID THAT HIS PEOPLE COULD DO  
MOST OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES THEMSELVES AND NEEDED  
OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE ONLY THE MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION DESIGGN,  
AND ON HOW TO ANCHOR THE RACKS. IN NONE OF THESE DOES GE HAVE  
EXCLUSIVE KNOWLEDGE. SHAH ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE  
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INDIANS MIGHT GET LOCKED INTO A SITUATION WHERE THEY COULD ONLY  
PURCHASE FROM GE, "ON A MONOPOLY BASIS" AND WITHOUT  
COMPETITIVE BIDDING, A SITUATION WHICH, HE SAID, THE GOI  
WOULD BE HARDPRESSED TO DEFEND PUBLICALLY.

3. SHAH DISMISSED THE IDEA THAT ONLY TWO PARTICULAR GE EXPERTS  
WERE QUALIFIED TO MAKE THE STUDY STATING THAT ERDA ITSELF

SHOULD HAVE EXPERTS WHO COULD HANDLE THE JOB, OR, IF NOT, THERE WERE OTHERS IN THE US OR EUROPE WHO COULD. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, HE DID AGREE THAT THE TWO GE EXPERTS, BEING FAMILIAR WITH TARAPUR, WOULD BE THE BEST.

4. I HAVE A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH THE IAEC CHARIAM SETHNA ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN HE IS GIVING A TWO HOUR BRIEFING TO THE VISITING "WHITE HOUSE FELLOW" GROUP. AT THAT TIME IF AT ALL POSSIBLE I WILL PRIVATELY RAISE WITH HIM THE SUBSTANCE OF REF B, STRESSING BOTH THE ADVISABILITY OF ACCEPTING THE GE/ERDA POSITION ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND TO DO SO QUICKLY.  
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